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## *U-City Teachers Become Students All The Time!!*



Staff Members Learn About The Criterion Essay Builder Website!!

One aspect of the education profession that students and parents rarely see is the Professional Development Training that our staff participates in regularly. These classes are not just simple team building exercises, or easily completed voluntary training. Most of the classes are mandatory, and require a great deal of additional time and effort to complete. Our faculty and staff are making a tremendous effort to learn and use new techniques and technology. These classes bring exciting new methods to our students daily, and when used correctly, can keep even the most mundane topics fun and exciting.

There are currently over 15 different programs that exist for our staff to participate in. Training programs are built into the schedule behind the scenes. Most people will not see all of the preparation and effort that goes into every lesson, every day!!

The University High School Curriculum will be greatly enhanced by some of the following programs that are now required by for our administration. Some of the classes and training include the following:

- Classrooms Of The Future
- Carnegie Math / Cognitive Tutor
- Benchmark Assessment / Data Analysis
- Corrective Reading
- UPENN Geometer Sketch Pad
- Differentiated Instruction

So the next time you are struggling in class, know that your teachers are trying as hard as you are to make learning interesting and easy!!

### Newsletter Policies for Submission:

All material is to be submitted to the publisher no later than 24 hours before printing. This medium was designed for fun only. Any descriptions of events or news presented is fake and does not reflect the views or orders of the official people running our school. Any similarity to actual events and people is purely coincidental and shall not be interpreted as truth. We accept submissions for content from anyone on in school, preferably students. Submissions are accepted on a first come-first served basis and there is no guarantee of publication. All submissions become the sole property of the editorial staff. 2009

**NEXT ISSUE:** More Educational Websites  
UCHS Personals  
New Fun Articles  
Much, Much, More!!

### Lindback Foundation Award Winner

The Lindback Award, funded by the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation of Philadelphia provides grants to institutions of higher education for the promotion of teaching excellence. The Lindback Awards for Distinguished Teaching were established with the help of the foundation and recognizes academic excellence and outstanding teaching.

The criteria assessed for the award include mastery of their subject area, development of effective and innovative methods and materials for teaching students, continuous efforts to evaluate and improve one's own teaching, development of new courses and modalities of instruction, academic and professional achievements of students, and effective relationships with students.

According to a source at the School District of Philadelphia, **Dr. Karl Janowitz** was selected to receive the award in a ceremony on May 12th, 2009 in Philadelphia, PA.

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## Computer Support Specialist Program For UCHS Students

University City High School students can be considered for nomination as Digital Service Fellows. This program, now in its sixth year, is an AmeriCorps program for recent Philadelphia high school graduates interested in all aspects of Information Technology. The basic tenants of the program include Technology Apprenticeship: learning by doing, Service to the Community, Leadership in Schools, and Transitioning young people into higher education and work through professional development. If accepted to the program, DSF apprentices will work directly with a computer technician or digital media support specialist providing direct support to the School District of Philadelphia. They will learn the I.T. field from the "inside-out"! A Digital Service Fellow can qualify for a monetary educational award, benefit from real-life experience in the I.T. field, and can qualify to move on to the Computer Support Specialist Program to increase their knowledge and experience before moving on to a rewarding career. "(This) project has received national recognition and is a model for the Philadelphia School District's service-learning initiative". -The Philadelphia Inquirer

Students interested in this program can inquire with their counselors or Ed Tech/Web Design faculty for more information, or to prepare a letter of interest to be forwarded to the School District's Ed Tech Director.



### APRIL FACULTY & STAFF COFFEE BREAK PLANNED!

**Our April staff meeting will  
be preceded by another**

### COFFEE BREAK

**Please make time to share  
some conversation and light  
banter with your fellow  
UCHS employees as we relax  
on April 22nd, from 7:00 to  
7:30 am. The event is free to  
all faculty and staff. Dona-  
tions are optional and wel-  
come to sponsor future  
events to foster fellowship!!**



**This is not an example of the technology you will use!!**

### STUDENTS!!!

**DO NOT FORGET THE  
CODE OF CONDUCT  
PROHIBITS THE  
FOLLOWING ITEMS IN  
SCHOOL:**

**NO CELLPHONES,  
MOBILE PHONES,  
CAMERAS,  
IPODS/MP3 PLAYERS,  
HATS,  
JACKETS WITH HOODS,  
HEAD WRAPS  
(unless a religious custom),  
or  
MULTI-COLORED SHOES!!**

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## *Americorps- CityYear.Org Highlights Section*

*Project P.E.A.C.E.* is an after school program for rappers, poets, dancers, and any other artist interested in attending. Students will have the opportunity to record their performances and use their craft to spread a Non-Violent-Atmosphere here at U-City. The Club meets on Thursday's after school .  
ROOM 127 from 3:05pm to 4:30pm.

*GIRL TALK* is an opportunity for any and all women of the U-City Community to discuss important, trendy, and subjects of a sensitive nature. This program meets on Tuesday's after school from 3:05 pm to 4:30pm in Room 127.

### Just A Reminder About These

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Penn State Brandywine Trip  
April 1st, 2009
- **SPRING BREAK!!**  
April 6th to the 9th, 2009
- City Year Report Card  
Conferencing for 9th Graders  
April 14th to the 16th, 2009
- Parents Breakfast  
April 16th, 2009
- Peace Week!!  
May 4th to the 8th, 2009

### MISSION STATEMENT

City Year is much more than red jackets and Timberland boots. City Year is a non-profit that unites 17 - 24 year olds of all backgrounds for a demanding year of full-time service. We have partnerships throughout the city of Philadelphia to engage youth and communities in activities and support them in growth and empowerment, as well as engage them in community service activities. We do this to spread the work about service and giving back to one's community. Our Mission is to build democracy through citizen service, civic leadership, and social entrepreneurship.

## *U-CITY STAFF FUN PHOTO SECTION*



### UCHS YEARBOOK NEWS

The University City HS Yearbook will be featured in the 2009  
**YEARBOOK  
YEARBOOK!!**

This is not a typo!! In honor of the hard work of our Yearbook Staff, our yearbook has been awarded an  
**AWARD of  
EXCELLENCE!!**

Some pages, some images, and/or our cover will be included in this publication. It represents the top 10% of yearbooks in the US!!

*Ms. Evans Summer Career Options Expand!!*

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# THE Jaguar Sporting News

## Track Teams Fly at NE High

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Track Teams for their performance at chilly and windy Northeast High School on Tuesday, March 24th.

James Mustapha and Dante James finished tied for second place in the 100-meter dash. Dante placed 2nd in the 200m, and James placed 2nd in the 400m. The 4x400 relay team placed second and included James, Dante, Matthew Brennan, and Jerold Brown. In the Shot Put event Kevin Houston placed 3rd and Christian Maynard placed 4th.

Laquanda Dobson had a personal best in the 800m, and Amina Iman had a personal best in the 100m. Congratulations to all participants!!

## 2009 UCHS Varsity Volleyball Schedule

| Day       | Date       | H/A  | Opponent          |
|-----------|------------|------|-------------------|
| Wednesday | March 11th | Away | Eng & Science     |
| Friday    | March 20th | Home | Washington        |
| Monday    | March 23rd | Home | Palumbo           |
| Tuesday   | March 31st | Home | FLC               |
| Thursday  | April 2nd  | Home | Edison            |
| Tuesday   | April 14th | Away | Douglas           |
| Thursday  | April 16th | Home | Parkway West      |
| Tuesday   | April 21st | Away | Parkway Ctr. City |
| Thursday  | April 23rd | Away | Overbrook         |
| Tuesday   | April 28th | Away | Eng. & Science    |
| Thursday  | April 30th | Home | Overbrook         |
| Thursday  | May 7th    | Away | Palumbo           |

## 2009 UCHS Girls Softball Schedule

| Date | H/A | Opponent |
|------|-----|----------|
| 3/23 | H   | GATZ     |
| 3/26 | A   | FELS     |
| 3/31 | H   | OVB      |
| 4/2  | A   | BTM      |
| 4/14 | A   | GTN      |
| 4/16 | H   | KEN      |
| 4/21 | H   | SP       |
| 4/24 | A   | OVB      |
| 4/28 | H   | SP       |
| 4/30 | A   | GATZ     |

## 2009 UCHS Baseball Schedule All Games At 3:15 pm

| Date       | H/A  | Opponent     |
|------------|------|--------------|
| March 18th | Home | West Phila.  |
| March 19th | Away | Edison       |
| March 20th | Home | Olney        |
| March 24th | Home | Friere       |
| March 31st | Home | Boys Latin   |
| April 2nd  | Away | South Phila. |
| April 3rd  | Away | Penn Wood    |
| April 13th | Away | William Penn |
| April 15th | Away | Com. Tech    |
| April 17th | Away | Del. Valley  |
| April 21st | Away | Dobbins      |
| April 23rd | Home | Randolph     |
| April 28th | Home | M. Bracetti  |
| April 30th | Home | Simon Gratz  |
| May 5th    | Home | Lamberton    |

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## UCHS Upcoming Boys & Girls Track Schedule:

Thursday, April 2nd SOP at 2:30pm  
BOK, BART, CON, FURN, MAST, SOP, VAUX

Thursday, April 16th ROX at 2:30pm  
UC, ROBE, PKY(W), ROX, STRAW

Monday, April 20th GTN at 1:00pm  
PUBLIC LEAGUE RELAYS

## 2009 UCHS Badminton Schedule Upcoming Matches:

Tuesday, March 31st Bartram vs UCITY @ BTM  
Thursday, April 2nd UCITY vs King  
Tuesday, April 14th UCITY vs GHS  
Thursday, April 16th Central vs UCITY  
Tuesday, April 21st UCITY vs West  
Thursday, April 23rd Ovb vs UCITY  
Tuesday, April 28th RH vs UCITY

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